SEAL Nominated for 4th Star, Commander of U.S. Special Operations Command



ARLINGTON, Va. — Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth announced June 3 that the president has nominated Navy Vice Adm. Frank M. Bradley for appointment to the grade of admiral, with assignment as commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida.

If confirmed by the Senate, Bradley would succeed Army General Bryan P. Fenton.

Bradley currently serves as commander, Joint Special Operations Command/commander, Joint Special Operations Command

Forward, U.S. Special Operations Command, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Below is Bradley's official biography from the Navy's website:

"Vice Adm. Frank M. Bradley is a U.S. Navy SEAL Officer and a native of Eldorado, Texas. Bradley is a 1991 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, where he studied physics and was a varsity gymnast. He began his career as a SEAL after completing Basic Underwater Demolition school (BUDs/SEAL) Class 179 in 1992. Bradley earned a Master's in Physics from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where he received a provisional patent for his research in 2006.

"He has commanded at all levels of special operations, including Special Operations Command Central, leading joint special operations throughout the Middle East and South Asia. He commanded Naval Special Warfare Development Group, has multiple tours in command of joint task forces, and was among the first to deploy to Afghanistan following the attacks of September 11, 2001. Additionally, he has served with SEAL Team FOUR, SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team TWO, and the Italian Incursori (Italian SEALs) as an international exchange officer.

"His staff duty has included service as assistant commander, Joint Special Operations Command, JSOC's J-3 Technical Operations Division Chief and Deputy J-3, vice deputy director for Global Operations for the Joint Staff J-3; executive officer for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., and deputy director for CT Strategy for the Joint Staff J-5."